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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 January 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 and 17-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01/25/01 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This is in response to a letter for a patent filed May 15, 2001 in which claims 1–15 were presented for examination. Claims 1-15 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

((b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-5, 8-12, 15, 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Greene (Patent Number 5,568,541).
2. In claims 1, 3-4 and 8-9, Greene discloses that when answered, the telephone number of the calling party is identified electronically in step 6 and compared to the subscriber's database in a data processing system as indicated by box 8 (col. 3, lines 39-44). Greene discloses that the subscriber's specified call billing parameters are then incorporated into a standard Automatic Message Accounting record which is generated by the carrier switch network for each call and sent to the billing system which processes the charges for inclusion in the network bill sent to the caller and credits a portion of those charges to the account of the person called (col. 2, lines 61-67).

3. In claims 2 and 10, Greene discloses that if the number of the calling party is not on the list of pre-approved number, the call is identified as a telephone solicitation in step 8, and the automated answering system advises the person making the call that a surcharge may or will (at the subscriber's option) be added to their as indicated at box 10. The caller then has the opportunity at step 12 to continue the call and accept the surcharge (col. 3, lines 46-54).

4. In claims 5 and 15, Greene discloses the method and system allows the subscriber to program the system to include a plurality of telephone numbers which will automatically bypass the billing portion of the system (col. 2, lines 18-22). Greene does not disclose that user-specified access control information is entered by the user at the user terminal via a menu-driven user interface. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that a menu-driven user interface was an old and well-known type of user interface in the computer art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide user friendly menus for the users to input data.

5. In claim 11, Greene discloses that the subscriber has an option in step 13 to void or waive the surcharge as for example by, pressing one or more keys on his telephone key pad (col. 3, lines 64-67).

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6. In claim 12, Greene discloses that if the subscriber is sympathetic to a particular charity or solicitation, he or she may void the surcharge at any time during the conversation by causing the call to bypass the billing and crediting functions as shown in steps 14 and 16 (col. 3, lines 67 through col. 4, line4).

7. In claim 17, Greene discloses that when answered, the telephone number of the calling party is identified electronically in step 6 and compared to the subscriber's database in a data processing system as indicated by box 8 (col. 3, lines 39-44). Greene discloses that the subscriber's specified call billing parameters are then incorporated into a standard Automatic Message Accounting record which is generated by the carrier switch network for each call and sent to the billing system which processes the charges for inclusion in the network bill sent to the caller and credits a portion of those charges to the account of the person called (col. 2, lines 61-67).

8. In claim 18, Greene discloses that the subscriber's specified call billing parameters are then incorporated into a standard Automatic Message Accounting record which is generated by the carrier switch network for each call and sent to the billing system which processes the charges for inclusion in the network bill sent to the caller and credits a portion of those charges to the account of the person called (col. 2, lines 61-67).

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9. In claim 19, Greene discloses that when answered, the telephone number of the calling party is identified electronically in step 6 and compared to the subscriber's database in a data processing system as indicated by box 8 (col. 3, lines 39-44). Greene discloses that the subscriber's specified call billing parameters are then incorporated into a standard Automatic Message Accounting record which is generated by the carrier switch network for each call and sent to the billing system which processes the charges for inclusion in the network bill sent to the caller and credits a portion of those charges to the account of the person called (col. 2, lines 61-67).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Greene in view of Harrison (Patent Number 6,595,424).

11. In claim 6, Greene does not disclose that the user terminal includes a personal digital assistant. Harrison discloses a device which provides a wireless telephone (col. 3, lines 65-67). Harrison further discloses that this type of

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armpiece is particularly well-suited for use with pre-existing PDA's and handheld computers. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Greene to include the device of Harrison to provide a more convenient user terminal.

12. Claims 7, and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Greene in view of Harrison in further view of Haralambopoulos et al. (Patent Number 5,148,474).

13. In claims 7 and 13-14, Greene does not disclose that the user specified access control information comprises a caller-specific access cost, a caller-specific access rule, general access cost, or a general access rule.

Haralambopoulos et al. disclose that the service provider (called party) has a plurality of individual value-added telephone numbers with each representing a different billing rate to reflect the services rendered (col. 5, lines 48-52).

Haralambopoulos et al. further disclose that in addition to time related billing rates, the service provider (called party) may have numbers which enable a single item charge. For instance, if the service provider is a doctor, he may have three different time dependent billing rates for clients depending on the types of information required and a single use rate for a prescription renewal (col. 5, lines 52-61). Haralambopoulos et al. still further disclose that the service provider (called party). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the system of Green to include the system Haralambopoulos et al. in order to store the caller-specified costs and

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rules in database associated with the user terminal to provide the user the convenience to modify or change charges and rules.

Conclusion

14. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

A) the prior art for example:

(1) Greene (Patent Number 5,568,541) discloses a system and method for adding a surcharge to the cost/call for telephone solicitations.

(2) Haralambopoulos et al. (Patent Number 5,148,474) disclose an interactive value-added telecommunications system and method.

(3) Harrison (Patent Number 6,595,424) discloses a key palette.

However, in regard to claim 16, the prior art does not teach or suggest the specific manner in which the user-specified cost information is entered as recited in this claim.

15. The examiner has cited prior art of interest, for example:

1) Sigmund, (Patent Number 6,711,1746), which discloses a process, control system, terminal, exchange, incoupling device, and combination device for providing functions to a telecommunications terminal.

2) Kasai et al. (Patent Number 5,815,560), which disclose a communication service control service apparatus.

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3) Miloslavsky (Patent Number 6,130,933), which discloses an apparatus and methods for coordinating telephone and data communications.

16. Claim 16 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant's response must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(b) and section 707.07(a) of the M.P.E.P.

17. The shortened statutory period of response is set to expire 3 (three) months from the mailing date of this Office action.

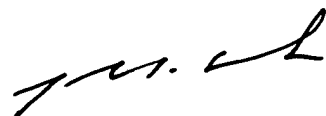
18. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Freda Nelson whose telephone number is (703) 305-0261. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (703) 308-2702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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